

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING CURT AND JUDY WIGGINS FOR WINNING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Curt and Judy Wiggins have, without thought of reward, given of themselves to help the citizens of Jackson County on countless occasions; and

Whereas, Curt and Judy Wiggins have worked tirelessly with the American Cancer Society—Jackson County Unit; and

Whereas, Curt and Judy Wiggins have dedicated themselves to Jackson County through organizations too numerous to name here and through their work have uplifted all those whom they have come in contact.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Curt and Judy Wiggins for winning this prestigious award.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF PERRY CAMPBELL

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a close personal friend of mine, Perry Campbell, the most prominent figure in the hospitality business in Hope, Arkansas for more than 50 years. He passed away on October 10, 2005 at a Texarkana hospital at the age of 77.

Perry led a life committed to public service. He was the namesake, a founding member, and eventually the mayor of Perrytown. He was founding member of Providence Memorial Baptist Church in Perrytown, a member of the Board of Directors of Hope-Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce and its 1994 Citizen of the Year, one of the founders of Hempstead County Ambulance Service and Perrytown Volunteer Fire Department. He also served on the Life Word Board and the Clinton Birthplace Foundation Board.

A successful entrepreneur, Perry began his business career as the proprietor of a single truck stop and eventually became the owner of Western Sizzlin' Restaurant, Dos Locos Gringos Restaurant, Best Western Motel and a Holiday Inn Express in Hope. Perry understood more than most the importance of changing with the times and his adaptability placed him in a league of his own. Western Sizzlin' Restaurant recently celebrated its 20th anniversary on Perry's 77th birthday, a day

declared 'Perry Campbell Day!' by the City of Hope.

Some of my earliest and fondest memories growing up just outside of Hope are going to Perry's truck stop for dinner on Saturday nights with my parents. It was a genuine weekend treat. Back then, and up until a few months before Perry's death, part of the dining experience was seeing Perry at Western Sizzlin' as he would always make it a point to visit your table to ensure you were pleased with your meal. Perry understood the importance of the personal touch in the restaurant business.

For many people, Perry was the embodiment of the hospitality industry. Perhaps his most shining moment was when Perry was inducted into the Arkansas Hospitality Association Hall of Fame in 1996, after serving on the Arkansas Lodging Association Board and as its President from 1993–1994. He also received the Golden Key Award in 1995.

Perry was an exceptionally driven man with an entrepreneurial spirit second to none. He had an extraordinarily generous spirit, but never desired public recognition for his many contributions to the community. My heartfelt condolences go out to Perry's family, business associates, and the many people who join me in counting him as a friend. I have lost a true friend and will miss him, but his legacy will live on in Perrytown, Hope, and Arkansas for generations to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DALE SHERWIN OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Dale Sherwin of Lansing, Michigan, who is retiring this month as the Michigan State Director for U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Dale Sherwin has dedicated his career to improving the quality of life for America through its agricultural community and the citizens who work to feed America and the world.

Prior to starting his successful service with USDA Rural Development in April 2003, Dale worked six years for the Michigan Department of Agriculture, serving as director of agriculture policy and guiding policy on National Association of State Departments of Agriculture issues.

During the administrations of Presidents Nixon and Ford, Dale served in the U.S. Department of Agriculture: as chief legislative liaison to former Secretary Earl Butz; Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs; and as assistant director of legislative affairs for the Foreign Agricultural Service. Dale also worked as a staff di-

rector for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

Prior to service in the U.S. Senate and USDA, Dale spent more than a decade working with the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Michigan Farm Bureau. His career in agriculture began as a farmer in Michigan's Genesee County. His degree in animal husbandry was earned at Michigan State University.

Dale's service at USDA Rural Development has proven to be a shining capstone for a career focused on the very mission the agency embodies: supporting increased economic opportunity and improved quality of life for rural American citizens. Across Michigan's counties and communities, his legacy will be realized long into the future. I am pleased to have worked with Dale, to call him friend, and to share his story with my Congressional colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this very special person, Dale Sherwin, a citizen and leader who is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

HONORING DEPUTY ANTHONY ROBERT III

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great achievements of Deputy Anthony Robert III, of Opelousas, Louisiana.

In addition to his distinguished service as a Deputy Sheriff in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Deputy Robert has also displayed an extraordinary athletic talent in track and field competition.

At the 2005 Louisiana Police and Fire Summer Games in Lafayette, Louisiana, Deputy Robert won three gold medals in the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, and javelin; as well as two silver medals in the shot put and the discus. His success continued this June during the Southeastern Police and Fire Championships, which took place in Birmingham, Alabama. There, Deputy Robert won a total of five gold medals in the following events: 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 4 x 100 meter relay, and the 110 meter hurdles.

Additionally, at the recent World Police and Fire Games, which took place this past summer in Quebec, Canada, Deputy Robert was awarded the bronze medal in the 110 meter high hurdles as well as a ranking of 4th in the world in the 400 meter hurdles.

I applaud Deputy Robert's achievements, not only as a dedicated law enforcement officer, but also as a great representative of the citizens of Louisiana on the field of competition.

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